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Workshops to ease the transition out of teaching

It's one thing to think about walking away from your career in teaching. It's quite another thing to actually plan for that career change and feel comfortable when the time comes to make it happen.

That's why Laurier Career Services and Laurier's Office of Continuing Education have developed a workshop, called Career Alternatives to Teaching, specifically for teachers.

The workshop, being offered three times this summer - in June, July and August - will help participants identify and examine their transferable skills, interests and values, and relate them to a number of career options which could provide rewarding, satisfying, alternative work.

In addition to self-assessment exercises and formal testing, participants will learn how to present their skills and experience in new ways that will impress employers outside the traditional teaching profession. Participants will also learn creative job search strategies for today's changing world of work, and receive valuable reference materials.

The workshops will consist of lectures, audio-visual presentations, individual and group exercises and lots of discussion. They will be led by an experienced adult educator, motivational speaker and former teacher who has found satisfaction and success outside teaching.

Session One is on Friday, June 21, from 6-9 p.m., and Saturday, June 22, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Session Two is on Wednesday, July 24, from 1-4 p.m., and Thursday, July 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Early registration to July 3.)

Session Three is on Tuesday, Aug. 20, from 1-4 p.m., and Wednesday, Aug. 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Early registration to July 31.)

The registration fee is \$139 if received by the early registration date, or \$179 if received later.